

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Jubilate
(Fourth Sunday of Easter)
11 May 2014

Welcome!

We are delighted to have you with us this morning to receive the Lord's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

Please also record your visit in the visitors' book at the back. If you would like a phone call or a pastoral visit, speak to the pastor or leave a note in the visitors' book.

The Offering

Members of this church are privileged to give to the Lord for the work of His church in this community and throughout the world. *Visitors should not feel obliged in any way to contribute to the offering plate.*

Children in the Service

It is a delight and a privilege to have children in the service. Children as much as adults are members of God's family and Jesus welcomes little children to Him.

There is a Sunday School for children during the sermon. The children leave at the beginning of the sermon and return to church after the prayers.

Please don't worry if your child won't sit still or quietly throughout the service. Most young children won't manage that! There is plenty of space at the back of the room. If you do need to take a child outside, the smaller room is available for that purpose.

Holy Communion

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, we eat and drink the true body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and the wine, according to Jesus' own words. We also believe that those who participate in Holy Communion in a particular congregation should be in agreement in the confession of the faith.

If you are visiting us and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor *before the service*. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Our teaching on this matter is explained in more detail in the little leaflet, 'Why Closed Communion?', which is available at the back of the church.

Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

Hymns: 501, 483, 603, 793

Catechism

P The Sacrament of the Altar: Who receives this sacrament worthily?

C Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins”.

But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

Introit (*Ps. 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: Ps. 66:1–2*)



A Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia!*
sing the glory of his name; give to him
glorious praise! Alle- | luia!

C Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!*
So great is your power that your enemies
come cringing | to you.”

A Come and see what | God has done:*
he is awesome in his deeds towards the
chil- | dren of man.

C Bless our God, O | peoples;*
let the sound of his | praise be heard,

A who has kept our soul among the | living*
and has not let our | feet slip.

C ❖ *Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

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Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

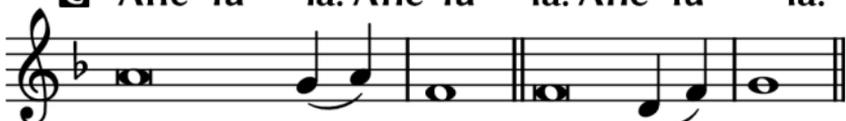
Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 40:25–31

Epistle Reading—1 Peter 2:11–20

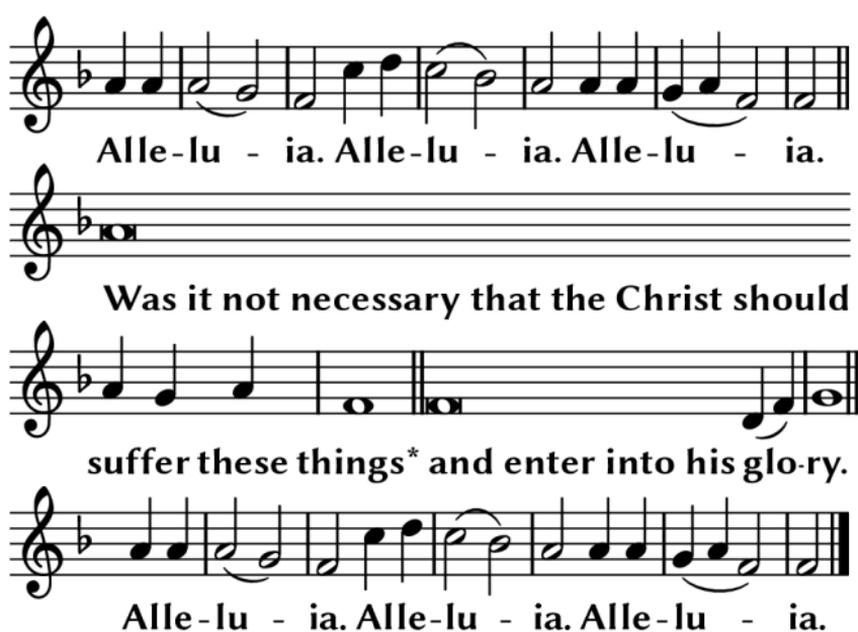
Alleluia & Verse (*Ps. 111:9a; Luke 24:26*)



C Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia.



He sent redemption* to his peo - ple.



Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia.

Was it not necessary that the Christ should

suffer these things* and enter into his glo-ry.

Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia.

Gospel Reading—John 16:16–22

IN OUR PRAYERS

Candidates for Baptism and Confirmation

Sindija, Nicola (baptism); Richard, Annabelle, Calvin, Daniel (confirmation)

Members

Ron; Barbara; Frank; Anne

Family of members

Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Doris; Philippa

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Trevor (unemployed); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Phil & Karen (depression); Rob (depression); Debra (depression); Nigel (cancer); Ray, Doreen & family (cancer); David Webb (cancer); Bob Waters (cancer); Ronnie (cancer); Sue (cancer); Caroline (recovering from operation); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Gina & family

ELCE

Ascension Lutheran Church; Pr. Samiec; Christa Jaynes (broken hip); Quirk family; Pr. McNally (cancer); Pr. Fry (health)

The Church of God

India Evangelical Lutheran Church; Fareham Methodist Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Pr. Roger Jones (stroke)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

SMALCALD ARTICLES: PART III

ARTICLE III: REPENTANCE

The New Testament keeps and urges this office <of the Law>, This is God’s thunderbolt. By the Law He strikes down both obvious sinners and false saints. He declares no one to be in the right, but drives them all together to terror and despair. This is the hammer. As Jeremiah says, “Is not My word like ... a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?” (23:29). This is not active contrition or manufactured repentance. It is passive contrition, true sorrow of heart, suffering, and the sensation of death.

This is what true repentance means. Here a person needs to hear something like this, “You are all of no account, whether you are obvious sinners or saints <in your own opinions>. You have to become different from what you are now. You have to act differently than you are now acting, whether you are as great, wise, powerful, and holy as you can be. Here no one is godly.”

But to this office of the Law, the New Testament immediately adds the consoling promise of grace through the Gospel. This must be believed. As Christ declares, “Repent and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15). That is, become different, act differently, and believe My promise. John the Baptist (preceding Christ) is called a preacher of repentance, but this is for the forgiveness of sins. That is, John was to accuse all and convict them of being sinners. This is so they can know what they are before God and acknowledge that they are lost. So they can be prepared for the Lord to receive grace and to expect and accept from Him the forgiveness of sins. This is what Christ Himself says, “Repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in [My] name to all nations” (Luke 24:47).

Whenever the Law alone exercises its office, without the Gospel being added, there is nothing but death and hell, and one must despair, as Saul and Judas did. St. Paul says, through sin the Law kills. On the other hand, the Gospel brings consolation and forgiveness. Paragraph 1–8

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES		
Daily Services at St. Francis', Funtley		
Tue	No service	
Wed	7 pm	Vespers
Thu	8.45 am	Matins
Fri	8.45 am	Matins
The Week Ahead		
Tue	Study day for catechumens (Brighton)	
Wed	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.45 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	5 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
Further ahead		
21 May	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.45 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
23 May	3 pm	Bible study at Brighton
25 May	10:30 am	Service of the Word (Pastor on leave)
29 May	10 am	Divine Service (St. Francis', Funtley)—Ascension Day

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 12:1–6; James 1:16–21; John 16:5–15

Daily Readings:

Sun: Leviticus 8:1–13, 30–36 Luke 9:1–17 *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration VII: 124–128*
 Mon: Lev 9:1–24 Luke 9:18–36 *FC SD VIII: 1–6*
 Tue: Lev 10:1–20 Luke 9:37–62 *FC SD VIII: 7–15*
 Wed: Lev 16:1–24 Luke 10:1–22 *FC SD VIII: 16–22*
 Thu: Lev 17:1–16 Luke 10:23–42 *FC SD VIII: 23–30*
 Fri: Lev 18:1–7, 20–19:8 Luke 11:1–13 *FC SD VIII: 31–37*
 Sat: Lev 19:9–18, 26–37 Luke 11:14–36 *FC SD VIII: 38–45*
 Sun: Lev 20:1–16, 22–27 Luke 11:37–54 *FC SD VIII: 46–52*

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